

# MBA

# NEWS and VIEWS

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY • 4001 HARDING ROAD • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37205

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The teenage years are extraordinarily special in the life of every individual. Parenting and teaching teenagers calls on each of us to exhibit the very best we have, to offer our teenagers the most thoughtful and challenging opportunities, to nurture them with boundless vitality and energy, to share with them the beautiful in this life.

It always fascinates me that some of the older people chronologically are extraordinarily young in their relationship with people. You can see their eyes dance with enthusiasm; you can feel the energy they exhibit in relationship to others; you can nearly touch the excitement that's in the atmosphere when they talk with one another. Often these people are teachers or parents or grandparents of beautiful teenagers. Their lives have attained fulfillment and they have remained young at heart. One of my favorite quotes goes like this:

"Many people go through their lives stepping on the flowers, while pointing out the weeds. Grandma taught me how to pull out weeds, while reveling and savoring the splendor and fragrance of the flowers."

D. Waitley  
Seeds of Greatness

Grandma Waitley had the right idea--that good parents and good teachers should not ignore the weeds but should constantly rejoice with our teenagers in the splendor and the beauty that surrounds us.

Gordon E. Bondurant  
Headmaster

#### 1985 CLASS PROFILE ENCLOSED

You will find attached to this newsletter a copy of the 1985 Class Profile. Of course, to some extent it is outdated in that the information about the Class of 1986 was taken from their junior year averages. The new information concerning this present class indicates that their average verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test score is 597 and their average math Scholastic Aptitude Test score is 622. Needless to say, we are very proud of the performance of this senior class.

#### STUDENTS GAIN EARLY DECISIONS TO PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES

Twenty-three M.B.A. seniors have already received early decision on their college applications. Interestingly enough, these decisions represent actions by the admissions committee of fourteen different colleges and universities. Some of the schools represented are: Princeton University, Williams, Washington and Lee, University of North Carolina, Wake Forest, Case Western Reserve. More students are considering the Ivy League schools, with four applications being the least number sent to any one of the Ivys. Our greater presence in these highly selective applicant pools make the admissions officers increasingly aware of the quality of work that M.B.A. students undertake.

1985 SPAGHETTI SUPPER SETS RECORD

Congratulations go to Chairmen Sherri Chilton and Judy Kneeland for their outstanding leadership and the impressive results of their efforts. A record \$30,208.92 was raised!

Thanks to each of you mothers who willingly contribute to this annual endeavor, and thereby make this such a successful fund raiser. You will be interested to know that the Bake Sale increased its contribution by \$456.00! This clearly indicates your continued support of your sons and their school.

The Executive Committee of the Mothers' Auxiliary, in cooperation with the administration, carefully reviews each request submitted for the use of the Spaghetti Supper proceeds. Allocations Chairman Emma Thompson did a thorough job of gathering facts and figures to present to this committee. The Auxiliary Board votes on the recommendations of the Executive Committee. Below are listed the ways in which the monies are to be spent.

It is not too late to join the Mothers' Auxiliary. Please send \$10.00 dues to: Mrs. Kenneth L. Roberts, 3800 Woodlawn Drive, Nashville, 37215.

The Mothers' Auxiliary is grateful for the support of the M.B.A. community which makes our primary project a success each year.

Best regards,

Bettye Westermann  
President, Mothers' Auxiliary

SPAGHETTI SUPPER PROJECTS 1985-1986

ESTABLISHED PROJECTS

Forensics.....	\$ 3,000
Van Depreciation.....	\$ 6,000
Van Insurance .....	\$ 1,000
Fine Arts Committee.....	\$ 400
Faculty Enrichment.....	\$ 4,000
Headmaster's Discretionary Fund....	\$ 1,300
Music Appreciation .....	\$ 200
Junior School Activities.....	\$ 500
Speakers' Fund.....	\$ 200
Spaghetti Supper Support.....	\$ 1,865
Literary Magazine Support.....	\$ 2,000 (2 issues)

NEW PROJECTS

Photography & slide processing...\$ 350 for Art History
Replace movie-making equipment...\$ 175
Add six more hanging rods.....\$ 300
Curtain or blinds for Junior School conference room.....\$ 200
Stand and case for model ship....\$ 200
Correcting typewriter for Junior School.....\$ 750
Drug and alcohol educational materials.....\$ 500
Forensics and Debate.....\$ 750
High quality medical scales.....\$ 250
Warm-ups (25) for new swim team..\$ 500
American flag for Currey Gym.....\$ 30
Golf cart (athletics & maintenance).....\$ 800
Large stand fans for cafeteria...\$ 300
Counter and cupboard space in Wallace Hall classrooms.....\$ 1,000

NEW PROJECTS

Double Cassette Player.....\$ 120
Reel-to-reel recorder.....\$ 250
Computer program for spread sheet and data base.....\$ 2,500
Quiz Bowl competition.....\$ 400
New record player.....\$ 200
Cassette tape player/recorder(2)....\$ 100
Calculator with tape.....\$ 30

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

NEED SUMMER \$\$ ?

The Used Book Sale will be held in the cafeteria on Friday, May 30, 1986, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Books will be collected after each examination.

Watch for further details. Mark your calendar now!

### THE M.B.A. DEBATE TEAM HOSTS MAJOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Montgomery Bell Academy was the scene of the SOUTHERN BELL FORUM IV, considered one of the most prestigious debate tournaments in the nation. Debate and forensics coach Billy Tate and his large number of debaters and speakers hosted 68 teams from throughout the nation. Selected on the basis of their debate records, teams included Bronx Science and Stuyvesant from New York, Harvard School from California, St. Mark's from Texas, Westminster from Atlanta, and Loyola and Glenbrook North and South from Illinois. Over 160 debaters were on hand, along with their coaches. A number of college and university debate coaches were on hand to judge the tournament and recruit debaters and speakers. Barbara Sprouse (overall coordinator), Pam Pfeffer, Rose Marie McKinney, Hee Mee Joe, Lynn Bennett, Arlene Fulmer, Lauren Page, Jan Gardner, Nancy Pearson, Fu Mei Lin, Geeta Wasudev, Darshan Kahlon, Carole Perkins, and Susan Gutow were some of the mothers who gave unselfishly of their time and resources to make this impressive tournament a huge success. Other parents who assisted in varied roles were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mrs. Betty Laird, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Sprouse, Dr. and Mrs. K.C. Ptomey, Mr. Charles Fracé, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gutow, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pfeffer, and Dr. and Mrs. Pramod Wasudev.

The M.B.A. team cannot participate in its own tournament but it has continued to succeed in a host of tournaments over the last several months. At the recent Homewood Classic in Birmingham, 25 schools competed and M.B.A. won first place in each of the four debate divisions. Novice debaters winning first place were: Jonathan Reeve, Jeff Joe, Jay Kahlon, and Burt Fulmer. Burt Fulmer was named the most outstanding novice debater of the 80 participants in the division. The Junior Varsity Debate Team won first place, with the unit composed of Tom Gutow, Scott Boone, David Chen, and Braxton Perkins. Scott Boone was named the top J.V. debater. The Varsity Debate Team of T.A. McKinney and Tom Rogers placed first after winning a unanimous decision in the finals. The other Varsity Team from M.B.A. of Madison Laird and John Joe were bracketed with T.A. and Tom for semifinals, and, by agreement, T.A. and Tom advanced to the finals. Madison Laird was selected as the best varsity debater at the tournament. In the very important Lincoln-Douglas Debate, John-Lindell Pfeffer won first place while Jeff Fracé was named the most outstanding Senator in Student Congress. Overall, M.B.A. won the top individual school award and was presented a silver punch bowl at the awards assembly. This punch bowl has already come into use by various organizations hosting receptions on campus.

In the Charles Henderson Debate Tournament in Troy, Alabama, Christopher Ptomey and Tom Rogers defeated Mars Hill in a 5-0 decision, with Christopher Ptomey being selected as the first-place individual debater in the competition while Tom Rogers was second. In the novice division, Burt Fulmer ranked second and Jay Kahlon fourth. Scott Bennett kept his remarkable string of victories in extemporaneous speaking by placing first again.

In a Junior Varsity Tournament at Park View High School in Atlanta, Tom Rogers and Braxton Perkins placed first, defending the title won last year by M.B.A.'s John Joe and Christopher Ptomey. There were 55 teams in the J.V. competition, with Tom Rogers winning first-place individual honors while Braxton placed second. This team compiled a perfect record in prelims and finished the tournament with a record of 16 wins and no lost ballots. Tom and Braxton defeated Woodward Academy of Atlanta in the finals on a unanimous decision.

The team of Warren Sprouse and John Joe placed ninth at the Princeton University Debates after competing in an 80-field team recently.

In the DuPont Invitational Debate Tournament, Madison Laird and Tom Gutow won first place, successfully defending the title M.B.A. won last year.

We are very proud of our debaters and their continuing impressive strings of wins. No other activity at M.B.A. carries our school to the four corners of the nation as does debate. Frequently we hear good things about M.B.A. from distant places because our debaters and forensic students have represented us so well.

## COCHRAN RECEIVES NOMINATION

Bill Cochran, president of the Honor Council, has received the nomination for the prestigious John Motley Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina. In very keen competition with a number of excellent candidates, Bill was interviewed by a faculty committee and later by a committee of former Morehead Scholars who live in the Nashville area. In late February he will visit the University of North Carolina for the final interviews for the scholarship, which pays tuition, room and board, and guarantees summer employment as well as trip anywhere in the world at the conclusion of the senior year.

The competition in Chapel Hill will include 130 of the finest students in the land coming from public and private schools in North Carolina as well as the most prestigious private schools outside of the state of North Carolina.

Morehead Scholars who graduated from M.B.A. and are presently at Chapel Hill are Steve Maller (Class of 1983), Bryan Hassel (1984), and David Chickey (1985).

We wish Bill the very best!

BRYAN HASSEL RUNS FOR U.N.C. PRESIDENCY

Bryan Hassel who graduated from M.B.A. in 1984 and received the Morehead Scholarship is presently a sophomore at Chapel Hill. He has announced his candidacy to be the president of the student body. Bryan has been extraordinarily involved in various student body endeavors while maintaining a near perfect GPA in the Honors College. Congratulations and best wishes to Bryan!

## ENTERING CLASSES TAKE SHAPE

Thanks to good encouragement by many M.B.A. parents and others in the community, a new student test day on January 25 was a huge success. A large number of candidates for the 7th and 9th grades, our major entry grades, and a good number of students for other grades were tested as their parents participated in an informal program about the school. Brandon Daniell, an 8th grade student, along with school representatives, discussed life on the HILL following a coffee reception. Students will be notified by February 22 of the decisions of the admissions committee. The number of applicants was impressive and promises an excellent class in each of our grades.

## SAM DAVIS NEEDS YOU

The register book signed by each student who enrolls in M.B.A. contains the name of the famous Sam Davis who was a student at Western Military Institute, a school that became M.B.A. Sam Davis was hanged in November of 1863 by Federal troops for refusing to betray a friend. Today, his statue stands on the grounds of the State Capitol in Nashville, and his home, located only a short distance from Nashville in Smyrna, Tenn., is a public shrine.

Visitors to the Sam Davis home may take a walk into Tennessee history, circa 1860. This working farm with its cotton and corn is exemplary of the true Southern heritage. Among the collections at the home are impressive textiles of the period and memorabilia of the War Between the States. On the site, a gift shop offers many wares, the meeting house welcomes groups, and the picnic areas are numerous. The home is open daily throughout the year.

The Sam Davis Memorial Association, cognizant of the tie in the hearts of alumni and students of M.B.A. to Sam Davis, has extended to the M.B.A. community an invitation to join the Association. There are various memberships available: Students \$5.00, Individuals \$10.00, Families \$10.00. Those interested may send dues to The Sam Davis Memorial Association, c/o Mrs. Ben R. Betty, III, 229 Lakewood Drive, Madison, Tenn., 37115 (a former M.B.A. parent). A membership card will be mailed to you. M.B.A. is proud of its tie with Sam Davis and the Sam Davis Association.

## WITAMIMON PENTON MARCH COACH

### ALL FALL ATHLETIC TEAMS WIN REGION CHAMPIONSHIP

The varsity cross country, golf, and football teams concluded their seasons as Region Champions and each participated in the State Tournament. Each of these teams amassed impressive records, and we all congratulate team members for providing a memorable fall of athletic success.

### WINTER TEAMS IN MIDST OF SEASONS

The basketball and wrestling teams are in the midst of their seasons and have had some impressive successes as well as some frustrating defeats. Wrestling has been plagued by having no small students to wrestle in the lower weights nor a big man to wrestle as the heavy weight, having to forfeit four matches, or 24 points, before any match begins. The strength in the middle weights, however, is impressive, and the Campbell brothers Jim and Will, Paul Soper, Tommy Frist, Trajan Carney, and John Jenkins have had many successful matches. The basketball team is young and is beginning to gel as they sport an 11-8 record. Led by seniors Jay Schmitt, David Malone, Todd Pardue, and Jay Owen, the team has remained high in the district throughout the season.

Some 35 M.B.A. students are participating in ice hockey. The encouraging thing is that many of these students have never skated and others have had no hockey experience. The improvement that has taken place in the weeks they have been practicing has been most impressive, and we are convinced that hockey is going to be an important winter sport. We are now trying to encourage others schools to make the commitment.

The M.B.A. swim team is working out diligently at the Nashville Aquatic Club. Our boys and the St. Cecilia girls are receiving excellent coaching from Joan Pennington, and we hope that this winter sport will continue to grow in popularity.

### JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLERS ARE IMPRESSIVE

The microbe wrestlers won the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference championship after years of finishing either second or third. In the championship tournament on December 7, first-place winners for M.B.A. were 75-pounder C.B. Harwell, 80-pounder Drew Healy (both 7th graders) and George Clements at 105 pounds. Winning second place medals were David Trainer, Billy Lyell, Billy Crawford, and Dan Brooks. Other starters on our best microbe team in memory were Lance Carney, Will Shuff, David Neff, and Fletcher Potanin.

The freshman wrestling team also had an excellent season. Competing in five tournaments over the 7-week season, M.B.A. finished in first place in the Ryan Invitational, in second place at the Overton tournament, in third place at McGavock, and fourth place at M.B.A., and sixth place at Hillsboro. The season's record for dual meets was 8 wins and 1 loss, with our best week including decisive wins over Father Ryan, McCallie, and Trewhitt (Cleveland). Leaders of this team were Billy Frist and Greg Downer, who both were regional champions. Other starters were C.B. Harwell, Drew Healy, Chris Cigarron, Chet Frist, David Trainer, Billy Crawford, Sheldon Griffin, Rabin Nimmo, and Dan Brooks.

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#### ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS ARE MANY

The fall varsity teams received numerous individual honors. Patrick Parker was named as the District Golfer of the year. In cross country, Jimmy and Steve Zibas were selected for the All-NIL Cross Country First Team, and Andy Davis was given Second Team honors. In football, All-State were accorded to Robby Bueno and John Jenkins, with honorable mention going to Takis Patikas, Talbot Masten, Jay Owen, and Jeff Owen. The All-District Team included Robby Bueno, John Jenkins, Hudson Walker, Chuck Brandon, Talbot Masten, and David Malone. Honorable mention players were Takis Patikas, Kenny Russell, Nick Sieveking, and the Defensive Player of the Year was John Jenkins. Selected for the Nashville Banner All-Nashville Team were John Jenkins, Robby Bueno, and Talbot Masten. Second Team members were Hudson Walker, David Malone, Jeff Owen, and honorable mention players were Chuck Brandon, Takis Patikas, and Nick Sieveking. The Nashville Tennessean All-Metro Team included Jay Owen, Robby Bueno, John Jenkins, Talbot Masten, with honorable mention going to Chuck Brandon, Jim Hunt, David Malone, Will Myer, Jeff Owen, Takis Patikas, Nick Sieveking, and Hudson Walker. Congratulations to all of these athletes!

#### A NEW TEEN ALTERNATIVE - THE 5211 CLUB

The 5211 Club has been formed to provide high school students with a place to meet and listen to music. Located at 5211 Harding Road, the teenage club emerged as a joint effort with area high school students and their parents working to provide a safe, healthy club for live music, dancing, and light snacks. A manager, Mr. Jeff Bennett, will operate the club and be present on Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 to 11:30. In addition, several policemen will also be present whenever the club is open. Additional supervision will be provided by Young Life and other young adults who have donated their time.

The 5211 Club activities will be directed by a Teen Advisory Board made up of representatives from M.B.A. and nine other area high schools, along with an adult Board of Directors. The club is open to high school students, grades 9 through 12, and the admission charge is \$3.00. The major unconditional rules are: no alcohol, no drugs, no fighting.

M.B.A. student Steve Mason is president and Tim Wallace is sargent-at-arms of the Advisory Board. James Gooch, Gilbert Smith, and Beau Wilson are also actively involved. We congratulate the students and parents in the formation of this wholesome place for music and much fun.

#### M.B.A. STUDENTS ON STAGE

"The Homecoming" by Earl Hamner was presented before Christmas at the Carriage House at Belle Meade Mansion. Two M.B.A. students had important roles. Richard Speight was "Birdshot" and Johnny Lamb starred as "Luke."

"The Miracle Worker" was recently presented at St. Cecilia Academy and two of our students performed in that production--John Mahoney and Don Fish.

The Harpeth Hall Playmakers presented "Oklahoma" which included in the cast Michael Starr, Carter Brothers, Harvard Reynolds, Merritt Seshul, David Farrar, Randy Pelaez, Tim Wallace, Steve Gilleland, Todd Wise, Brian Stephenson, Sam Marney, Tom Benning, Billy Carothers, and Clint Fawcett.

## The *Fantasticks*

To be

Presented by: The M.B.A. Players  
in Wallace Hall

Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15 8:00 P.M.  
Sunday, February 16, 2 P.M.

Tickets will be available at the door one hour before each performance. \$4.00